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Residents gather, voice concerns

by Maj. Tim Keefe
Public Affairs Officer

Nearly 200 people filled the M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym June 30 to participate in the quarterly Town Hall meeting, the second held this year. With more than 4,000 servicemembers and civilians serving here, I must admit I hoped for more. Assuming everyone has concerns, be they from a single servicemember here regarding SOFA license privileges or from familymembers with childcare concerns, this was a prime medium to voice these concerns.

Here is where the scoop comes straight from the horse's mouth.

Representatives from most station organizations and tenant commands were on hand to give information and answer questions. They included, but were not limited to, MCCS personnel – merchandise buyers, recreation personnel, the golf course manager and others. Also on hand were representatives from the Branch Medical Clinic, Chapel, Child Development Center, the station executive officer and sergeant major, to name a few.

So as the saying goes, why complain about a candidate if you don't vote – why complain about how things run or don't run if you're not an active part of the process?

To the residents who took the tike to come out, thank you. Thank you for being concerned about your "neighborhood," for voicing your concerns and being an informed citizen.

To those who didn't show up, there will be another Town Hall meeting next quarter, which give you a little more time to think about the issues of interest to you. Don't worry, questions are posed anonymously to the respective representative by a mediator. So if you're shy, that'll solve that problem.

Town Hall meetings are for all air station residents and offer a free dialog exchange where problems and positive issues are voiced.

Due to time restraints, not all questions were answered during the meeting. Those that were not addressed will be answered on Thursday's 'On Your Mind' show on AFN Channel 66 at 8:25 p.m. They will also be published in next the July 16 edition of the *Torii Teller*.

So come on out. You could learn more about your community and what the future holds for its residents, and we'll learn about issues concerning you.

I'll see you there.

Your dedication is appreciated

Dear Editor,

I would like to pass on to MCAS Iwakuni residents a very positive comment concerning two fine Marines.

While checking my facilities on July 5, I was at the Penny Lake Softball Complex and noticed it hadn't been cleaned up after the festivities of the night before. I then noticed two, on-duty MPs with trash bags and approached them. I asked if they had been tasked with this policecall, and they said no, but it was in their jurisdiction so they took it upon themselves to start cleaning it up.

I congratulated them, LCpls. Bryan Jones and Ashley Hefelfinger on their initiative and left feeling good knowing they were on duty.

/s/ D.G. Burnett
Master Gunnery Sergeant,
USMC Ret.



Our Cover

Sgt. Silvestre Ramirez, MWSS-171 basic hygiene operator and DEFY Team One counselor, demonstrates the zipline. For more on the youth camp, see Pages 6-7. (photo by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn)

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News Briefs

Special Relief

A fund has been established for the family of SSgt. and Mrs. Michael Shingler, whose infant son, Tristan, has, as a result of a disease, lost vision in one eye. Several surgeries are required to maintain the baby's second eye. The baby has been MEDEVACed to Bethesda Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., for treatment. Anyone who wishes to help the Shingler family with out-of-pocket expenses may contribute by mailing funds to NFCU Headquarters, P.O. Box 3001, Merrifield, Va., 22119-3001 in care of the Shinglers, account number 1602811-000, or deposited at the credit union here. For details call CWO-2 Stephens at 253-5510.

Animal Control

Residents are reminded that all domestic pets, while outdoors, must be on a leash or otherwise restrained at all times unless kept within the occupant's fenced yard, according to MCASO 10570.1J. The fence must prevent the animal from exiting the yard. In cases where the fence is not sufficient for this purpose, the animal must be kept on a leash inside the yard.

Kintai Aware

Due to several instances of theft recently, station personnel are advised to secure automobiles and personal effects when in the Kintai Bridge area.

Helmets

Air station residents are reminded that helmets must be worn while riding bicycles, in-line or roller skates, skateboards or any other wheeled, non-motorized vehicles aboard military installations, according to MCO5100.19D.

Reward given for suggestions

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff

The Beneficial Suggestion Program aboard the air station offers servicemembers and government employees a way to improve how things are done and earn a reward at the same time.

The BeneSug Program, an age-old program operating throughout the Department of Defense, rewards those who think of new ways to improve efficiency.

"The Beneficial Suggestion Program has been around at least 20 or

more years," said Thomas McGauley, management analyst with the Quality Enhancement Support Team here. "It's a DoD program and each branch has its own administration."

The program seeks specific types of suggestions, according to McGauley. Eligible suggestions include ideas that would simplify or improve operations or equipment; save manpower, money, material or time; or increase productivity. Ineligible suggestions are ones that call attention to routine maintenance,

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Commandant looks at future

by SSgt. Michelle Smith
Press Chief

Secretary of Defense William Cohen administered the oath of office to Gen. James Jones at Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., June 30.

Jones became the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, relieving Gen. Charles Krulak, who assumed office June 30, 1995.

Like his predecessor, Jones has set marching orders for the Marine Corps. The document known as the "Commandant's Guidance," is directed to all Marines, civilians and their familymembers, and it provides broad guidance concerning the direction of the Marine Corps.

In the Commandant's Guidance, Jones identifies five themes which he plans to emphasize in the coming years:

Theme one: The United States Marine: A special breed

The first theme recognizes the worth of every Marine and values the individual as the strength of the institution.

"The term Marine relates to all Marines - active, reserve, retired and veteran Marines; the Sailors and civilians who serve with us and our familymembers. We are one Corps, in which all Marines participate in

determining who we are, what we do and the principles we stand for," Jones said.

Pivotal to this theme is that Marines always try to do what's right.

According to Jones, this statement is easy to understand, but its implications are profound. It describes the Marine way, affecting all that we do in our personal lives, driving the way our units interact, and influencing the way Marines relate to one another in our daily activities.

Theme two: Leading Marines

Jones cites leadership as the heart of the Corps' institutional character. "It is the most important bond between achievements in peace and in war."

In theme two, Jones places special emphasis on four leadership concepts: trust, tolerance, unit before self and saying "yes" to our Marines' requests.

According to Jones, trust is built on mutual respect and confidence, enabling mission accomplishment under the difficult circumstances that are a part of the profession of arms. Tolerance for mistakes unleashes creativity and initiative.

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Using MPS saves fortune

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff

Postal services are an expense servicemembers can greatly reduce by just adding three letters to an inter-theater package: MPS.

Military Postal Service mail, correspondence shipped free to locations throughout the Pacific theater except Guam and Hawaii, was authorized by the government a decade ago, according to MSgt. Eugene Clark, station postal chief.

"It's a service designed for individual-to-individual or individual-to-corporation mail throughout the Pacific theater," he said.

Sending mail with the MPS label is a great way to shop in other countries, according to SSgt. Ronald Graves, MALS-12 individual material readiness listing technician.

"Whenever I travel if I have extra purchases, I ship it MPS," he said. "I've saved close to \$1,000 -- I send back pretty much everything."

However, because of the ease of service, MPS mail has been abused in certain locations.

"Some installations have had problems with the system, but it hasn't been abused here because we're a little more remote," said Clark. "The Department of

Defense is looking at the system and may restrict it within the next couple years."

Currently, restrictions for MPS mail limit packages to 108 inches combined length and girth and between 13 ounces and 70 pounds, according to Clark. Residents mailing more than 10 items at once are asked to put them in order by box number. Also, MPS mail may not be the best method for important documents or items valuable to the customer.

"For important papers, it is better to hand-carry the items to their destination or bring them down to the post office instead of putting them in a drop box," said Clark. "We can't track MPS mail so if it's something of value to you, it's better to pay the local intra-theater rate to get it insured."

If residents choose to use MPS mail and want to drop it in the box but would still like delivery to be timely, they should plan ahead, according to Clark.

"A major thing we want to pass is to put local mail in the drop boxes before 10 in the morning since they're only picked up once a day," he said.

For regular mail or local mass mailings, MPS is an efficient plan, though, said Clark.

Graves was impressed with its security.

"At first I was skeptical because it can't be insured," he said. "So far I haven't lost anything, though."



photo by LCpl. Jessica Simonson

Post and Relief

First Sergeant Thomas Cooney (left) relinquishes command of CSSD-36 to 1stSgt. James Barksdale in a Post and Relief Ceremony July 2 at CSSD-36 Headquarters.

Cooney reported for duty at CSSD-36 in August 1997 and was promoted to first sergeant in September of the same year.

Barksdale reports to CSSD-36 after serving as supply chief for PSD-12. He reported to MCAS Iwakuni in June 1997.

Barksdale is a former drill instructor and 19-year veteran in the Marine Corps. His decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal with silver star, National Defense Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

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The third leadership concept, unit before self, has inspired Marines to sacrifice their personal comfort, safety and even their very lives for the mission and their fellow Marines, he said. Marines traditionally think of “we” rather than “I” focusing on the success of the group rather than the individual.

The final concept of saying “yes” to our Marines’ requests is part of good leadership, Jones says. When we focus on how to say yes to our Marines, they can concentrate on mission accomplishment, because they will be confident that the Corps’ first instinct is to work for their benefit.

Theme three: Maintaining Operational Excellence

“Winning battles is our fundamental purpose and reason for being,” Jones said. “To ensure this continues, the Marine Air Ground Task Force will remain both the legacy of our success and the foundation of our future.”

Jones stresses that Marines must study and think about the functions and interactions of all elements of the MAGTF.

We should consider ourselves “MAGTF Marines” first, specialists second. By doing so, Marines will deepen the trust that gives the MAGTF its strength, he said.

We must work to provide our units the resources they require in order to train, maintain equipment, deploy and if necessary, fight.”

Theme four: Contributing to the Common Defense

In theme four, Jones discusses the future of warfare and the way Marines fit in.

Current trends suggest that future crises will require our participation across the full spectrum of operations – from humanitarian assistance, to peacekeeping, to combat. Our mission is to be prepared at all times to face and defeat the enemies of our nation, whenever and wherever they might appear. To accomplish this, we must have balanced, highly trained combined arms teams that can operate with agility and strength across the spectrum of conflict. Since expeditionary readiness is one of our Corps’ competencies, we must stand ready to respond to crisis anywhere, he said.

By anywhere, Jones includes at home in the United States.

“Our contributions will also occur in the area termed ‘homefront defense,’” he said. “The future poses threats to our own territory and the Marine Corps – primarily through our reserves, who must be prepared to respond in concert with civilian authorities.”

Theme five: Connecting to Society

Jones’ final theme calls that Marines maintain a sound and



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Gen. James Jones

healthy relationship with the society they serve. By doing so, Marines will build confidence in our institution and support for our efforts. “We do this for two reasons. First, it is the right thing to do. Second, it is good for the Marines and the Corps.”

Americans are invariably impressed and encouraged by our enthusiasm, our high standards and our desire to serve. We are doing great things for a great nation, and our citizens deserve to feel as good about it as we do,” Jones said.

Jones summarizes with the Marine Corps credo “Once a Marine, always a Marine. For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.”



Ashley Graves, 12, beams with enthusiasm as she overcomes a section of the course.



Paolo Vergara, 11, ascends through the chute on his way to conquering another challenge.



Team Three maneuvers through the wooden sticks that make up part of the obstacle course.

Children take first step to DEFY drugs

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff

Youngsters from the air station took to the hills this last week as a first step in drug resistance.

The local Drug Education for Youth Program, funded by the Department of the Navy and run by volunteers from the station, traveled to Tokuyama June 28 for a five-day residential camp.

"The camp sets the foundation," said SSgt. Yolanda St. Pierre, Marine Corps Community Services property control chief and DEFY camp director. The program focuses on fun, physical fitness, citizenship, self esteem, substance abuse and gang resistance.

"When we start mentoring once a month, we'll already have that foundation."

The camp was Phase One of the DEFY program. Phase Two is a ten-month mentoring program, after which the children graduate ready to face a dangerous world, according to Katrina Murphy, education office guidance counselor and DEFY program coordinator.

"The world they live in is such a dangerous place," she said. "I'm glad we can get them now, while they're at this impressionable age."

The 50 children, between the ages of eight and 10, really enjoyed their time among the mountaintops of Japan.

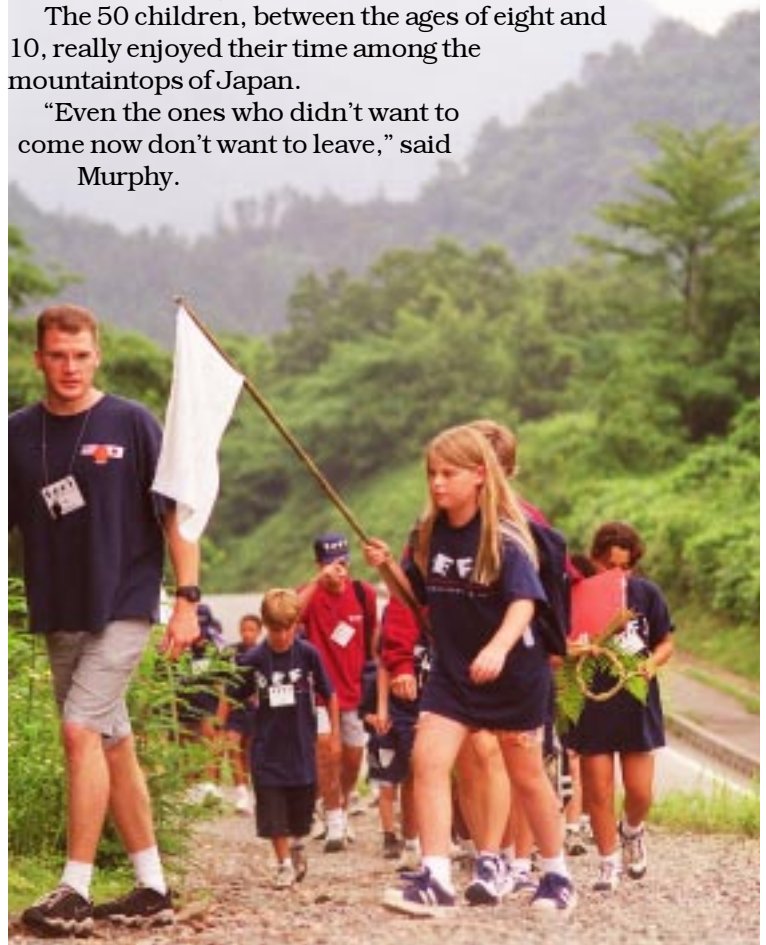
"Even the ones who didn't want to come now don't want to leave," said Murphy.



photos by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn

ABOVE: *Swinging on the ropes was a tough part of the obstacle course, but it helped teach the students how to conquer problems throughout life.*

RIGHT: *Rheanna Eck, 9, carries the guidon as she and team leader Sgt. Robert Bodnar, a MALS-12 flight equipment technician, lead Team One to the course.*



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Training outside used to be the only option for Marines taking weapons classes here. Now, the armory has supplied a classroom with ready access to weapons and weapons experts.

Armory provides space to learn

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff

The station armory building has made room for Marines to brush up on their military weapons knowledge.

The building, already divided among four armories for units aboard the station, has been rearranged to accommodate a special room for those who want to learn about their firearms.

"Any weapons training here in Japan has to be done where it won't offend anyone and it has to be secured," said SSgt. Sheldon Bolds, armory noncommissioned officer-in-charge and building manager, regarding host nation sensitivities. "We provide a place for units to come inspect their weapons."

Units can do more than inspections, though. The classroom supplies space for detailed training on any armament the armory has in

stock, from a 9 mm pistol to a .50-caliber rifle. Experienced armorers are available to give classes. Also, the room can be used as basic training before Marines head to the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer.

"We have qualified armorers to give detailed or basic classes," said Bolds. "Also, the classroom works hand-in-hand with the ISMT."

The idea originated almost three years ago when Bolds first arrived on the scene, he said.

"We had to rearrange the entire armory," he said. "It was a really long planning process."

Even after the task was drawn up, those working in the armory had a long way to go.

"We built the walls and painted the room all by ourselves," he said. "Only the welding was done by anyone outside our shop."

Though still without furnishings,

it is complete and Marines have already benefited.

"The classroom was really helpful on inclement weather days," said SSgt. Brad Reilly, MWSS-171 heavy equipment platoon sergeant, who used the classroom for weapons training prior to Exercise Steel Talon.

On fair-weather days, Reilly preferred to train outside. Soon, though, there should be more incentives to learn inside, according to Bolds.

"We've got 10 tables on order, as well as 24 chairs and a podium," he said. "For visual aids, we'll have a video projector and a TV."

With metal tops for the tables, the room will be ready for heavy work such as weapon disassembly.

To schedule a time to use the classroom, section leaders should call the armory at 253-3454.

Advising everyone from pilots to picnic planners,

Station Weather keeps eye on sky

by LCpl. Jessica Simonson
Torii Teller Staff

Imagine getting paid to watch the clouds go by. Weather Services Department personnel are trained to do exactly that.

Most of us pay little attention to marshmallow puffs in the sky as they float overhead, but weather observers must pay special attention. Their periodic observations keep flight operations running safely.

Weather observers pass on data they collect to airfield operations, so pilots know what to expect from "Mother Nature" when they take off.

"We provide support to the squadrons," said CWO-2 David Fulton, meteorological support team officer. "It is obviously about flight safety, but for everyone else on base as well."

Weather observers determine the flag level, information important to those physically training in the sun. They also advise the commanding officer of weather conditions in the face of a typhoon, so he can make a decision as to the typhoon readiness condition the station should be in, according to Cpl. Eric Beggs, chief weather observer.

Each weather observer spends three months at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., learning what to look for when they step outside.

"It is a lot of memorization," said LCpl. Julia Solar, weather watch leader.

Observers are required to learn everything from

pressure patterns to how thunderstorms form and move, she said.

But once they have the basics of meteorology down, they learn to apply them.

Upon arriving at their first duty station, weather observers must receive certification for local weather observations – an additional three months of training. They must memorize local elevations and visibility, according to Beggs.

After becoming a successful observer and reaching the rank of corporal, a forecaster's course is in the Marine's future.

The eight-month course, also at Keesler AFB, teaches Marines to use data gathered by observers to make forecasts, according to Beggs.

And forecasting is especially important for the pilots.

"We send them a flight plan listing exactly what they would encounter at 20,000 feet from turbulence and icing to thunderstorms," said Fulton.

Before each mission, pilots receive a weather brief, according to Maj. Frank Toy, VMFA-212 pilot and executive officer. Knowing what to expect in the air helps the squadron plan around weather problems.

"During the brief, we learn if the missions planned can be flown," said Toy. "If the mission can't be flown, we can vary the location or change the mission and still get valuable training. It is the key to training."

Whether training in the air or on the seawall, people know what to expect in the sky thanks to Weather Services Department.



photo by LCpl. Jessica Simonson

Cpl. Eric Beggs, chief weather observer, calculates the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature index, which is used to help determine heat flag conditions on station. Weather Center personnel also monitor changes in weather that affect airfield operations and other activities here.

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only benefit the person with the idea or recommend enforcing existing directives or regulations.

Once an idea is born, there are several ways to submit it.

"We accept suggestions by fax at 253-5837, over our 24-hour suggestion line at 253-5709, on e-mail at bri@iwakuni.usmc.mil, in our suggestion boxes around the station or in our office," said McGauley. "We stand ready to help individuals prepare to submit."

Submissions should include the individual's name, phone number and some information about the problem and solution. From there, QuEST personnel contact the individual to collect more information and file the idea on an appropriate form.

"Bring it here and we'll make sure it's in the proper format," said McGauley.

After that, the idea is evaluated. If adopted, the person who suggested it is rewarded.

"We have various rewards," McGauley said. "They can get up to

\$5,000 from the installation commander. If the idea can be used beyond the installation level, the Commandant of the Marine Corps can authorize up to a \$7,500 reward. Otherwise, servicemembers can receive a medal or a certificate of appreciation or commendation.

Civilians can get a Special Act Award or other appropriate award."

The amount of reward depends on how far the recommendation goes.

"If we adopt it locally, we make the recommendation as to what the reward should be," said McGauley. "If it could be adopted on a wider scale, we'll forward it up the chain of command."

"The program is easy to use," said Cpl. Brian Boychak, a test measurement and diagnostic equipment repair technician whose idea of saving money by sending parts to another base to be calibrated is still under consideration. "If people want

to help out the Marine Corps, they should do it."

So far, very few have used the program here, but QuEST hopes to change that.

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Thomas McGauley

response," said McGauley. "People just don't know it's out there."

Suggestions are important to make processes more efficient throughout the Marine Corps, and they can be used no matter whom they come from, according to McGauley.

"We want to see suggestions from the shop worker, all the way up," he said. "Fresh ideas are the only way to make our goals with the Business Reform Initiative."



Promotion

Navy Capt. Jack Smith, U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka commanding officer, promotes Capt. Alan Rowley, Branch Medical Clinic senior medical officer, in a ceremony at the clinic July 1. Rowley's wife, Kiyomi, assisted Smith in pinning on her husband's new rank.

Rowley has 33 years of combined active and reserve military service. He was drafted into the Air Force in 1966 where he reached the rank of staff sergeant before completing college with the GI Bill.

Rowley served at Camp Pendleton, Calif., before coming to MCAS Iwakuni in July 1998.

photo by Cpl. Christopher Reitman

No Fear on top of game, league, slay Dragons 55-49

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

Last week, No Fear took the number one spot in intramural hoops from One.

Tuesday night, they let the rest of the league know they intend to stay at the top, beating the CSSD-36 Dragons 55-49 in the Main Gym.

Early in the game, it looked as though the Dragons might steal the game from No Fear. Led by Corey Johnson with five points in less than two minutes, CSSD-36 jumped out to a 7-4 lead.

But in a game of No Fear hot streaks, the Dragons quickly found themselves down 14-7. Anchored by big men Darryl Handie and Donnie Roland down low, No Fear scored 10 unanswered points to take control of the game.

"We didn't really plan to use our size advantage," said Victor Grant, No Fear coach and guard. "Our game plan was to take our time — keep our composure. Size did certainly help though."

Throughout the first half, No Fear continually fed Roland and Handie under the hoop.

"We have gifted players who can get the ball down low and know what to do with it when they get it there," Grant said.

In contrast, the Dragons' offense outside the paint kept them in the game. Rashad Parker and Johnson took advantage of loose coverage to convert perimeter jump shots, including four, long-range "threes."

"We were forced to go outside," Parker said. "Our big guys were out due to injuries, so we had to take shots from outside."

With the halftime score 29-27,



photo by Cpl. Michael Wiener

Surrounded by Dragon defenders, No Fear guard Stewart Snoddy grabs a rebound and looks to put it back up and in the hoop Tuesday night during intramural basketball action.

Grant stressed the importance of hustling back on defense.

"The only reason there was such a close margin after the first half was because of our defense," Grant said. "When the button dropped, we weren't getting back on 'D.' We allowed them to get to the hoop and make easy shots."

The defensive struggle continued early in the second half, and Parker hit a 10-foot jumper to put the dragons on top, 32-31. But the change in lead only woke a sleeping giant, and No Fear began to crash the boards.

"We more or less got out of focus," Roland said of losing the lead. "We had to get back to our game plan and stop playing their game."

No Fear played hard up until the end of regulation, and didn't let CSSD-36 get any closer than six

points.

"Any team can finish strong," Roland said. "But we like to finish stronger by pushing it all the way to the buzzer."

The victory over the Dragons and Wednesday night's defeat of the Clippers, 81-51, lifts No Fear to a 9-1 record — the best in the league.

In other Monday night action, One rebounded from last week's loss by punishing the Clippers 96-43. Crash Crew extended their winning streak with a 64-32 win over the Tuggers.

Wednesday, Crash Crew obliterated the Samurai, 103-33. Mike Adams of the Samurai contributed to more than half of his team's final score with 18 points.

The Dragons bounced back from Tuesday's loss to No Fear with a 57-51 victory over One. Corey Johnson led the Dragons with 20 points.

Stay afloat with Aquatics

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

The Aquatics Department here will be offering the last two summer swim lesson programs beginning July 18 and Aug. 9.

From infants getting their feet wet for the first time to swimmers working on the perfect stroke, Aquatics provides lessons for everyone.

"We have seven different levels and the Infant and Preschool Programs as well," said Dennis Lindemann, head lifeguard. "There are really no age limits for the program – if an adult wants to come out, they're more than welcome."

Parents are required to get into the water with their infants and recommended to do so with their toddlers. This program teaches children and their parents basic water safety and self-help skills.

"At that age, we want the parents in the water. Kids take directions from them better," Lindemann said.

With seven different levels, parents may not be sure where to place their children. But if the child is placed in a level too high or low, the instructors will remedy the situation.

"We'll move students up to a level if they already have the skills needed to complete the level their in," said Tanya Bogenschuetz, lifeguard and swim instructor here. "We'll also move them back or hold them at a level if we think they need it."

Level 4 requires more endurance and swimming than some children can handle so they are held back, according to Bogenschuetz.

Though differing in skill requirements and demands, all levels taught contain a common theme.



photo by Cpl. Michael Wiener

Under the watchful eyes of Lindsey Miller, Colin Murphy, 4, works on his backfloat at the Indoor Pool.

"The most important lessons we teach are water safety and not to be afraid of the water," said Bogenschuetz. "Some of the kids come here scared of the water, but by the time they leave, they're jumping off the board."

Normally held at the Southside Pool Monday through Friday, the classes are \$30 per child for Levels 1-7 and \$25 per child for the Infant and Preschool Programs. For more information call 253-6578.

Though the lessons taught won't likely make a Matt Biondi out of the student, they can give children the start they need.

"It depends on the kid, of course, but we see a great deal of improvement in our students from the time they start until they complete the program," Bogenschuetz said.

Sports Briefs

Over 30 Softball

The entry deadline and a mandatory coaches' meeting for Over 30 Softball are Aug. 3, 10 a.m. in the Main Gym. All SOFA-status personnel age 16 and older may register. League play begins Aug. 9 at Penny Lake fields. For more information call 253-4605.

Co-ed Softball

The entry deadline and a mandatory coaches' meeting for Co-ed Softball are Aug. 4, 10 a.m. in the Main Gym. All SOFA-status personnel age 16 and older are eligible. Season play begins Aug. 13 at Penny Lake fields. For more information call 253-4605.

Early Bird Golf

Effective immediately, all monthly, semi-annual and annual members of Torii Pines Golf Course may golf Monday-Friday at first light. Early bird golfers must sign in at the clubhouse prior to leaving the golf course. For more information call 253-3402.

Softball Tourney

The sixth annual Goodwill Modified Fast Pitch Softball Tournament date has been rescheduled to Aug. 29. All SOFA, JMSDF, IHA and MLC personnel age 16 and older may enter. There is a fee. Call 253-4605 for entry information.

Youth Golf Camp

Registration is underway for the second session of Torii Pines Youth Golf Camp. Lessons take place at Torii Pines Golf Course, and a trip to Hachigamine Putt Golf is included. There is a fee. For details call 253-3402.

Friday

9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Shining Time Station
 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles
 1:25 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
 3:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
 4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Rugrats Las Vegas Vacation
 7:30 The Hughleys (TV-PG)
 8:00 Star Trek: Voyager (TV-PG)
 9:00 X-Files (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Saturday

0:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Shane (TV-PG)
 3:15 Movies 'til Dawn
 Honor Thy Father and Mother (TV-PG)
 5:00 Today Show
 7:00 Sesame Street Specials
 7:30 Puzzle Place
 8:00 Disney's Pepper Ann
 8:30 Disney's Recess
 9:00 Aahh!! Real Monsters
 9:30 New Ghostwriter Mysteries
 10:00 Discover Magazine
 11:00 Hometown (TV-PG)
 11:30 California's Gold
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
 1:00 WNBA (LIFE)
 3:00 Women's Pro Billiards (ESPN)
 4:00 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
 5:00 Soul Train
 6:00 Headline News
 6:30 ESPNews
 7:00 Beverly Hills 90210 (TV-14)
 8:00 Melrose Place (TV-14)
 9:00 20/20 Friday
 10:00 Headline News
 10:30 ESPNews
 11:00 Saturday Night Live (TV-14)

Sunday

12:30 Videolink
 1:00 Movies 'til Dawn
 The Young Lions
 4:00 Unsolved Mysteries
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 Hours of Power
 6:00 Breakthrough
 6:30 Taking Authority '98

7:00 Reflections (TVG)
 7:30 Day of Discovery
 8:00 Magic School Bus
 8:30 Adventures Book of Virtues
 9:00 Promised Land (TV-PG)
 10:00 Wonderful World of Disney
 12:00 Headline News
 12:30 Army Newswatch
 1:00 MLB
 Rangers at Padres (FOX)
 Xena: Warrior Princess (TV-PG)
 4:00 Computer Chronicles
 5:00 Wall Street Journal Report
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 ESPNews
 6:30 Kids Say/Darndest Things (TV-G)
 7:00 Candid Camera (TV-G)
 8:00 Primetime Movie
 Congo (TV-PG)
 10:00 Headline News
 10:30 Pensacola: Wings of Gold
 11:30 Austin City Limits

Monday

12:30 Friday Night
 1:30 NASCAR Winston Cup (TNNE)
 5:00 ESPN News
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 CART Havoline 200 (ABC)
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Big Bag
 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Headline News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:30 Port Charles
 1:25 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 All Dogs Go to Heaven
 3:30 Superman
 4:00 Journey of Allen Strange
 4:30 Kenan and Kel
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 60 Minutes
 8:00 Sports Night (TV-14)
 8:30 The King of Queens (TV-PG)
 9:00 The Practice (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Tuesday

0:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Short Cuts (TV-PG)
 3:20 Movies 'til Dawn
 The Absolute Truth
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News

8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
 10:30 Co-Ed Training
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles
 1:30 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 Mighty Ducks
 3:30 Newton's Apple
 4:00 Nick News
 4:30 Scholastic Sports America
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Whose Line is it Anyway ? (TV-PG)
 7:30 Prime Time Movie
 Clear and Present Danger
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Wednesday

12:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Thunderheart (TV-PG)
 3:20 Movies 'til Dawn
 Crazy in Love (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 MLB (FOX)
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles
 1:25 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 Goof Troop
 3:30 Gargoyles
 4:00 Hang Time
 4:30 Legends of Hidden Temple
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 The Sabrina Teenage Witch (TV-PG)
 7:30 Boy Meets World (TV-PG)
 8:00 Dawson's Creek (TV-14)
 9:00 Ally McBeal (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Thursday

0:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 The Apartment (TV-PG)
 3:20 Movies 'til Dawn
 In the Line of Duty:
 Hunt for Justice (PG)
 5:00 Headline News

5:30 ESPNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
 10:30 Co-Ed Training
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles
 1:25 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 Animaniacs
 3:30 Pokemon (TV-G)
 4:00 Hercules: Legendary Journeys
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Friends (TV-PG)
 7:30 Jesse (TV-PG)
 8:00 Mad About You (TV-PG)
 8:50 Reel Time (TV-PG)
 9:00 ER (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Friday

12:35 ESPNews
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 The Prince of Tides (TV-PG)
 3:30 Movies 'til Dawn
 Phantom of the Rue Morgue (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPNews
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Shining Time Station
 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles
 1:25 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
 3:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
 4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 The Simpsons (TV-PG)
 7:30 The Hughleys (TV-PG)
 8:00 Star Trek: Voyager (TV-PG)
 9:00 X-Files (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Movies

Sakura Theater**My Favorite Martian (PG)**

July 9, 7 p.m.; July 10, 4 p.m.; July 11, 3 p.m.; July 13, 7 p.m.

In this intergalactic comedy based on the classic television series, "My Favorite Martian," ambitious television reporter Tim O'Hara stumbles upon a "martian" whose spaceship has accidentally crash-landed on Earth. Thinking that this is the story of the millennium and his chance at a Pulitzer Prize, Tim makes plans to expose the martian. Tim's efforts to divulge the truth are systematically thwarted by the resourceful alien who ultimately recruits Tim to help him repair his ship for a return to Mars. They eventually become pals and join together to overcome many hilarious obstacles that confront them.

Instinct (R)

July 10, 10 p.m.; July 11, 7 p.m.; July 14, 7 p.m.

Within the brilliant mind of primatologist Ethan Powell lies an ominous secret — a deep-seated mystery unsolved by his estranged family and the law enforcement officials who have jailed him for murders that occurred in the jungles of Rwanda. Highly

educated and sophisticated, Powell was affected by years of studying mountain gorillas to the point where he was living among them in the wild, as one of their own. Now, held captive in a brutal prison for the criminally insane, Powell, who has not spoken in years, is remanded to psychiatrist Theo Caulder, who must try to unlock the dark mystery in the mind of what appears to be a madman. He encounters a series of perplexing mysteries, questions with chilling answers and shocking psychological truths. Eventually both men are led on an extraordinary journey of self-discovery.

Austin Powers 2 (PG-13) July 9, 10 p.m.

Lost & Found (PG-13) July 10, 7 p.m.; July 12, 7 p.m.

101 Dalmations (G) July 14, 2 p.m.

The Waterboy (PG-13) July 15, 2 p.m.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Any questions or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters**Kokusai:**

July 10 - beginning of December
"Star Wars Episode I" - 9 a.m.,
 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m.,
 7 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:30 p.m.

New Central I:

July 10-16

"The Mummy" - 11:40 a.m.,
 2 p.m., 4:20 p.m., 6:35 p.m.,
 (Sat. only) 8:50 p.m.

July 17-23

"The Mummy" - 6:10 p.m.,
 (Sat. only) 8:30 p.m.

New Central II:

July 9 - end of July
 No English Movies

New Central III:

July 9 - end of July
 No English Movies

Local



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. Closed meetings are held each Sunday, 7 p.m. A "for women only" open meeting is held the last Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. All meetings are held in Bldg. 497, second floor. For more information call 43-4814.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions Tobacco Cessation Courses

Tobacco Cessation classes will be held July 21, 23, 28, 30; Aug. 11, 13, 18, 20. Courses are held in the clinic conference room, 10-11 a.m. Participants must attend all four sessions. For more information call 253-3266.

Controlling Cholesterol Course

A "Controlling Cholesterol Course" will be offered July 29 and Aug. 27 in the clinic conference room. This class will help participants understand what cholesterol is, how to lessen it and the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise. For more information call 253-3266.

EDIS

Education and Developmental Intervention Services, a division of the Branch Medical Clinic, provides a variety of free services for children ages birth to 36 months. Professionals are available to screen and evaluate children's social, motor, communication, cognitive and self-help development and to provide any necessary treatment. For details call 253-4562.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The Hispanic Heritage Month Committee needs volunteers to help plan activities. Kick-off meeting will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest in Bldg. 360. For more information call Lt. Prout at 253-4587 during working hours.

Vacation Bible School

Marine Memorial Chapel will be holding Vacation Bible School Aug. 10-11. The chapel is in need of volunteers. Those who can volunteer on those days should call Carolann Horvat at 253-6470 or Bobbie Murrell at 253-2417.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

Baby's First Gift will be delivered to you courtesy of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. The layette package, which contains newborn clothing, baby book, crocheted sweater set and blanket and a diaper bag, will be presented to you in "Baby's First Seabag." This baby gift is available free to all Navy and Marine Corps families. You must either attend a Budget for Baby Workshop or

schedule an appointment with a Navy Relief caseworker to discuss budgeting for baby. For an appointment call 253-5311. Layettes are given out six months before due date and up to one month after birth. You may stop by Bldg. 210, Rm. 206 for a preview.

Family



Marine Corps Community Services Big Brother/Big Sister

The Big Brother/Big Sister Program is looking for dependable adults who are interested in volunteering one to two hours per week with a child. For more information call Community Programs at 253-3737.

Playgroup

Parents and their children ages birth to 6 years are invited to participate in Playgroup Tuesday, 9:30-11 a.m. in Bldg. 589, community room. Playgroup is free. For details call Community Programs at 253-3737.

Parent Training

Session Two of Daddy's Baby Boot Camp and Mom's Basic Training will be held Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 120. This class is free and open to military personnel and civilians. For more information and to register, call 253-6553.

Marine Lounge

The Marine Lounge, located on the second floor of Crossroads Mall, offers ping pong, pool, foosball, television viewing, video games and use of three computers with Internet access. All MCCA patrons 18 and older and all servicemembers are welcome. The Marine Lounge is a smoke-free, alcohol-free facility.

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program is underway. Young people age 18 and younger may pick up book logs and instructions from the library's circulation desk. Forms must be returned by Aug. 18. For details call 253-3078.

Kimonos Photos

Patrons of the "Around the Pacific Luau '99" who were photographed in a kimono may pick up their photos in the Main Gym's administrative office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Hello USA

The MCCA Outreach Program announces a name change to its English as a Second Language Class to "Hello USA." Hello USA provides instruction on English conversation, American idioms and other cultural material to assist participants transitioning to the United States. The class meets Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 106. For more information call 253-6962.

Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program is a mandatory program designed to identify family members with long-term health concerns or special needs. This program ensures servicemembers will be assigned to a location

where their family's special needs are met. Current EFMP participants are reminded to update their EFMP file and status one year prior to PCSing. For more information call Linda Read at 253-6962.

Volunteer Parent Advocate

The Outreach Program needs a volunteer parent advocate to assist parents involved in Special Education Services. Duties include providing information and support regarding reviews, meetings and education plans. Training will be provided by EDIS. For more information, a complete list of duties and a volunteer application call Linda Read at 253-6962.

Volunteer Victim Advocate Needed

The Victim Advocacy Program needs a volunteer victim advocate. The volunteer will provide information and support to those in crisis due to domestic violence or sexual assault. For more information call 253-4526.

Shaken Baby Syndrome

The New Parent Support Program in conjunction with Community Programs offers a lunchtime seminar on Shaken Baby Syndrome, July 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 106. This class is free and open to military personnel and civilians. For more information and to register call 253-6553.

National School Lunch Program

Marine Corps Community Services' Personal Services Division is accepting applications for the Department of Defense National School Lunch Program for school year 1999/2000. Application forms are available in Bldg. 210, Rm. 232. For more information call 253-3070.

Local and Federal Employment Workshop

The Local and Federal Employment Workshop, held Tuesday, 9-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 203 explains the air station's job market and the various applications processes. Get advice on completing the SF171, OF612, Federal Resume and KSA forms, and instruction on the user-friendly computer applications. The workshop is ideal for newly arrived spouses. For details call Career Resource Management Center at 253-6439.

Resume Workshop

This customized workshop focuses on identifying individual skills, training and experiences that translate to marketable job qualifications. Also discussed are the various resume formats and how to determine which is best. This workshop, held Wednesday, 9-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 210, Rm. 203, is ideal for new job seekers. For more information call 253-6439.

Education



University of Maryland Scholarships

University of Maryland is offering 50 scholarships to Asian Division students for use during academic year 99/2000, beginning Term I. Applicants must submit an essay on a selected topic. Applications must be post-

Chapel's Weekly Services

Sunday

7:30 a.m.	Catholic Mass (Chapel Annex)
8:15 a.m.	Liturgical Worship Service (Chapel Annex)
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
10 a.m.	Church of Christ Lay Leader Service (Chapel Annex, Rm. 103)
10:15 a.m.	C.C.D. (Chapel Annex)
	Gospel Sunday School (M.C. Perry Elementary School, Rm. 423B)
10:30 a.m.	Protestant Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
12 p.m.	Gospel Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
12:30 p.m.	Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (Chapel Annex)
2:15 p.m.	Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints Sacrament (Chapel Annex)

Call 253-5218 for more information.
For information on Jewish Services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station chapel.

marked no later than July 17. For scholarship details stop by Bldg. 210, Rm. 125 or call 253-3494.

Test Schedule

Tuesdays	- College Level Examination Program
	- DANTES Subject Standardized Test
July 21	- ACT Examination
July 22	- Scholastic Assessment Test
July 28	- Defense Language Aptitude Battery
	- Defense Language Proficiency Test
	- Electronics Data Processing Test
July 30	- Armed Forces Classification Test

For more information call the Education Services Office at 253-3855.

Troy State University

The Miller Analogies Test, which is a two-hour test that satisfies the entry-level requirements for those who are seeking a graduate degree, will be administered by Troy State University in the Education Office July 19, 8 a.m. For more information call 253-6051 or stop by Bldg. 210, Rm. 126.

Tuition Assistance

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is offering tuition assistance for Term I at Troy State, University of Maryland and Central Texas College to spouses of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Amounts up to \$300 are available for undergraduate study and up to \$350 for graduate work. Tuition aid is granted one term at a time, and is based on need. Paperwork and interview must be completed by July 16. Stop by the Education Office or the Navy Relief Office to pick up a Spouse Tuition Packet. Call 253-5311 for an interview.